

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A method of billing for real time transcription of spoken words to a textual format comprising:
 - communicatively coupling a computer aided transcription system to a remote system;
 - identifying, by the remote system, the computer aided transcription system communicatively coupled thereto;
 - communicating, by the remote system, to the computer aided transcription system an authorization for a predetermined amount of transcription;
 - transcribing, by the computer aided transcription system, representations of spoken words to text in real time; and
 - disabling, by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing after the predetermined amount of transcription has been reached.
2. (Previously added) The method of claim 1 further comprising indicating by the computer aided transcription system that the predetermined amount of transcription is about to be reached.
3. (Previously added) The method of claim 1 further comprising charging by the remote system a credit card for the predetermined amount of transcription.

4. (Previously added) The method of claim 1 further comprising generating by the remote system a bill for the predetermined amount of transcription.

5. (Previously added) The method of claim 1 further comprising enabling by the computer aided transcription system the transcribing after a payment is made to the remote system.

6. (Previously added) The method of claim 5 wherein the enabling is responsive to a communication from the remote system.

7. (Previously added) The method of claim 1 wherein the predetermined amount of transcription is based on one of time of transcription, number of words transcribed, and number of pages transcribed.

8. (Previously added) A method of billing for real time transcription of spoken words to a textual format comprising:

transcribing, by a computer aided transcription system, representations of spoken words to text in real time;

monitoring by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing; and

disabling, by the computer aided transcription system, the transcribing after a predetermined amount of transcription has been reached.

9. (Previously added) The method of claim 8 further comprising indicating by the computer aided transcription system that the predetermined amount of transcription is about to be reached.

10. (Previously added) The method of claim 8 wherein the predetermined amount of transcription is based on one of time of transcription, number of words transcribed and number of pages transcribed.

11. (Previously added) The method of claim 8 further comprising:
communicatively coupling the computer aided transcription system to a remote system;

identifying by the remote system the computer aided transcription system communicatively coupled thereto; and

communicating by the remote system to the computer aided transcription system an authorization for a further predetermined amount of transcription; and

enabling by the computer aided transcription system the transcribing.

12. (Previously added) The method of claim 11 wherein the communicating is responsive to payment for the further predetermined amount of transcription.

13. (Previously added) The method of claim 12 wherein payment is made pursuant to at least one of a credit card payment to and a bill generated by the remote system.

14. (Previously added) The method of claim 8 further comprising:
communicatively coupling the computer aided transcription system to a remote system; and
generating by the remote system a bill for the predetermined amount of transcription.

15. (Currently amended) A method of billing for transcription of spoken words to a textual format comprising:
communicatively coupling a computer aided transcription system to a remote system;
transcribing by the computer aided transcription system representations of spoken words to text;
communicating by the computer aided transcription system the text to the remote system;
communicatively coupling a terminal to the remote system;
communicating by the remote system at least a portion of the text to the terminal;
and
[monitoring by the remote system the communicating of the text to the terminal]
ceasing communications by the remote system to the terminal after a predetermined amount of transcription has been reached.

16. (Previously added) The method of claim 15 further comprising generating a bill based on the monitoring.

17. (Previously added) The method of claim 15 wherein the monitoring comprises determining one of the amount of time the remote system is communicating text to the terminal, the number of pages of transcript the remote system is communicating to the terminal, and the number of words the remote system is communicating to the terminal.

18. (Previously added) The method of claim 15 further comprising storing by the remote system in memory the text communicated from the computer aided transcription system.

19. (Previously added) The method of claim 18 further comprising retrieving the text from memory.

20. (Previously added) The method of claim 19 wherein the communicating of the text to the terminal is in real time.